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Heavy rains are falling daily. Mosquitoes are increasing, chiefly *Culex*.

*Last case of yellow fever at Veracruz discharged from hospital—  
Method of house fumigation and destruction of mosquitoes.*

Doctor Jacobs further reports:

July 24. The case of yellow fever reported July 14 (J. C., Mexican, 20 years old) was discharged from hospital June 22, and the case reported July 17 (male, Spaniard, 28 years old) was discharged this morning.

I was invited to see these cases and visited the two cases a number of times during their stay in hospital, being given all facilities for examination.

These cases being discharged, leaves Veracruz without a case of yellow fever.

The authorities are working strenuously to stamp out the disease. Entire blocks have been fumigated, and under great difficulties, owing to the open courtyards of the houses. The method used is to cover the whole courtyard closely with one large piece of canvas, tacking it to the eaves and pasting paper over the crack where canvas and wood join. A large livery stable was fumigated in this way, hundreds of yards of canvas being used. The canvas being spread from the roof does not disturb any roosting mosquitoes in the corridors and open passageways, the outside doors and windows being closed and pasted. Wire cages containing live mosquitoes are placed in closets and loosely covered with cloths, etc., before fumigating. If any are found alive after fumigation a refumigation is done.

The usual time for fumigating is at night, beginning about 5 o'clock in the afternoon and continuing until morning. This gives time to stop all holes that may have been overlooked before dark, and does not inconvenience business houses.

Nothing has been reported from Laguna since my last letter relative to conditions at that port.

*Case of yellow fever at Tierra Blanca—New case of yellow fever at Veracruz.*

Doctor Jacobs further reports:

July 28. A case of yellow fever was announced July 27 at Tierra Blanca, a station on the Veracruz and Pacific Railroad, about 90 kilometers from this city.

The case is isolated and necessary precautions taken.

August 4. One new case of yellow fever reported (Veracruz) this morning.

#### NICARAGUA.

*Report from Bluefields, fruit port—Stegomyia calopus numerous.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Layton reports:

Week ended June 30. Present officially estimated population, 2,500. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. Rainfall continues heavy. Mosquitoes plentiful. The *Stegomyia calopus* seems to predominate.

## Bill of health issued to the following-named vessel:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
July 12	Imperator .....	New Orleans, via Cape Gracias, Nicaragua.	21	22	0
12	do .....	do .....	21	21	0

NOTE.—On account of revolution in Spanish Honduras all persons leaving here must procure a passport. Twelve of the 22 passengers embarked on steamship *Imperator* were members of the crew of the wrecked Norwegian bark *Freden*, lost off Mazashapa (Pacific coast Nicaragua), June 15, 1908. Temperatures of all on board steamship *Imperator* taken at hour of sailing and all found to be normal.

## PANAMA.

*Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows:

Week ended July 21. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. Present officially estimated population, 4,954.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
July 15	Belvernon .....	Mobile .....	21	3	0	0
16	Fort Morgan .....	do .....	22	0	0	0
17	Frutera .....	New York, via Santa Marta.	25	0	0	0
19	Taunton .....	New Orleans .....	22	0	0	0

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

*Reports from Manila—Cholera and smallpox—Cholera in the Provinces—Inspection of interisland vessels discontinued—Inspection of vessels—Quarantine transactions, month of May, 1908.*

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, June 15 and 23:

Week ended June 13. Quarantinable diseases were reported for the city of Manila as follows: Cholera 1 case, with 1 death; and smallpox 5 cases, with 2 deaths.

Owing to the onset of the rainy season, smallpox is gradually decreasing both in the number of cases and severity.

Cholera continues to be present in the Provinces of Capiz and Pangasinan, a total of about 100 cases per day being reported during the past week.

Within the past ten days 3 cases of cholera were detected upon the railway trains which come into Manila from Pangasinan Province. These were promptly isolated and there has been no spread from them. June 11 a case of cholera was reported in the person of an employee of a bakery in the district of San Nicolas. It is not definitely known how he contracted the disease, because he died a few hours after he was discovered, but there is circumstantial evidence to the effect that